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CHIPPS RECEIVES NEBRASKA CAREER EDUCATION (NCE) TOP AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP, ADVOCACY

- *NCE business partnership, outstanding career education programs and Career Technical Student Organization advisors recognized*

Northeast Community College President [Michael Chipps](#) was recently named the recipient of the state's prestigious Elaine Stuhr Leadership and Advocacy Award.

Chipps received the award during the 2016 Nebraska Career Education Conference in Kearney. More than 600 Nebraska Career Education teachers, school counselors and administrators attended the conference.

Chipps, a veteran Nebraska educator, currently leads Northeast Community College, which serves a 20-county area encompassing a major campus in Norfolk, three extended campuses, two regional offices and more than 60 educational sites. Previously, Chipps served as Mid-Plains Community College area president and North Platte Community College vice president and chief executive officer. Chipps' extensive education experiences include service on regional, national and international boards.

In 2015, the American Association of Community Colleges named Chipps and the Northeast Community College Board of Governors one of four national finalists for its 2015 Exemplary CEO/Board of Trustees Award of Excellence. Last year, the Norfolk Daily News selected Chipps as one of three finalists for its inaugural 2015 Person of the Year Award.

During the 2016 NCE Conference, the following educators were named Nebraska Career Technical Student Organization Advisors of the Year:

- [DECA: Matthew Maw](#), Lincoln Southeast High School
- [Educators Rising: Nadine Reyes](#), Omaha Burke High School

- [FBLA: Dawn Friedrich](#), Wausa High School
- [FCCLA: Mallory Gregory](#), Waverly High School
- [FFA: Dusten Bruss](#), Wilber Clatonia Public Schools
- [HOSA: Marge Keep](#), Lincoln East High School
- [SkillsUSA: Diane Livingston](#), North Platte High School

(Links provide detailed information about award recipients.)

The recipients of the Nebraska Career Education Program Awards were:

- Outstanding Middle School/Junior High Program: [Westside Middle School](#)
- Outstanding High School Program: [Cody-Kilgore Unified Schools](#)
- Outstanding Postsecondary Program: [Northeast Community College Health & Wellness Division](#)
- Outstanding Career Academy: [Boone Central Schools](#)

[Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corp., U.S.A.](#), received the Nebraska Career Education Award for Outstanding Business Partnership.